



## **Exercise Rules of Conduct and Drillsmanship**

During the exercise, responders and players need to understand and follow the Exercise Rules of Conduct and Drillsmanship guidance:

1. All exercise participants must comply with established safety rules and consider safety as the highest priority.
2. If, at any time, any participant feels that their safety or the safety someone else is in or is about to be in jeopardy, that participant has the responsibility and authority to stop the activity and contact a controller.
3. Adhere to all Site/Facility security requirements and protocol while participating in the exercise. If you witness anything that may be considered a security breach, inform a controller.
4. Many sites have a designated stop-play word. If your site is one of them, memorize the word.
5. Treat the exercise as if it were a real emergency event. Never assume that since it is an exercise and not a real event, it is permissible to respond or act differently than you would during an actual emergency situation. Always keep it as real as possible.
6. When talking by phone or radio, or sending a facsimile or email always begin and end the communication with "This is an Exercise."
7. Obey all Controller instructions.
  - Do not debate controller instruction and/or events.
  - During exercise play, the controller has the final word.
8. Speak out loud when taking any action or responding to an exercise inject.
9. Do not engage in any conversations with evaluators, observers or non-participants.
10. Maintain a log of your actions and observations (both positive and negative) that you feel will be helpful during the participant hotwash.
11. Do not simulate any actions without prior approval from an exercise controller.
12. Attend and contribute to the exercise hot wash critique immediately following the exercise.